



## *The Principal's Weekly Newsletter*

Mr Deryck M. Wilson

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Children and Parents,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the beginning of a new academic year at Southlands. I visited many of the classes at 9.20 on Thursday morning and they were all a hive of activity. As always, it was a pleasure to see so many parents and children at the "Meet the Teacher" mornings. My colleagues and I are looking forward to the forthcoming academic year and to meeting you at the many events that take place throughout the year.

It is, however, with deep regret, that I must inform you that Mrs Vivien Franceschini, who was Principal at Southlands for over twenty years and my predecessor, passed away this week. Vivien made my introduction to Southlands a pleasure. She was extremely knowledgeable and possessed a tremendous sense of humour.

Our thoughts are with Ms Luisa Jane and her family.

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff:

**Mr William Edwards** (BSc (Hons) Chemistry), PGCE, MSc. Applied Professional Studies in Education and Training) will join our Senior School to teach Chemistry in our IB programme and Science in the Senior School. Mr Edwards has worked in the UK and in the Middle East. Mr Edwards plays the banjo.

**Ms Natasha Blackledge** (BSc (Hons) Physics, PGCE) will join our Senior School to teach Physics in our IB programme and Science in the Senior School. Ms Blackledge has worked in the UK. Ms Blackledge spent several months cycling throughout South America with her partner.

**Ms Susan Connolly** (BA (Hons) Economics), PGCE, MA Development Economics) will join our Senior School to teach Economics in our IB programme. Ms Connolly has worked in the UK and overseas. Ms Connolly enjoys being involved in research projects.

**Miss Laurel Speirs** (BA (Hons) Ancient History and History, Qualified Teacher Status.) Miss Speirs will teach a Year 3 class having previously taught in the UK. Miss Speirs has been an Educational Volunteer at the Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology.

**Miss Naomi Taylor** (BA (Hons) English Language, PGCE) will join our Key Stage 2 team as a Year 5 class teacher. Miss Taylor has taught in the UK. Miss Taylor has climbed the three tallest mountains in the UK in twenty-four hours!

**Mrs Ana Maria Lain Del Forno** (B.A. (Hons) in Sociolinguistics from La Sapienza, Applied Linguistics from Universidad de la Republica, Montevideo and QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) from the UK having gained a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate of Education). Mrs Lain del Forno will teach Italian and Spanish as a foreign language and in our IB programme Mrs Lain Del Forno speaks both Italian and Spanish as a mother tongue. She has taught in England and in Italy.

**Ms Gemma Jordan** (B.A. (Hons) in English Literature and Geography and a PGCE with qualified teacher status in the UK). Ms Jordan has taught in England, Italy and internationally. Ms Jordan will join our KS1 team and teach in Year 2

I am sure that you will join with me in welcoming our new colleagues.

### **Mrs Atturi**

Mrs Atturi's new title is **Head of the Italian Elementare and Medie Programmes**. This is in recognition of the excellent work she has done over a number of years. We wish her continued success in this role.

### **Mr Eley**

In addition to his role as Head of English in the Academy, Mr John Eley will take on the role of University Counsellor for the forthcoming academic year. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing him every success.

## **GCSE results 2019**

This August our year 9 and 11 students received their IGCSE results. The long awaited outcomes for the hard work they had put in over the last two years. This year we had some exceptional results with one of our students Salih Alezabi, achieving seven grades at 7 or higher, with 2 of the top grade 9's achieved. A tremendous feat, well done Salih!

Our English department did particularly well this year with nearly half the students achieving one of the top grades in English language, this is particularly impressive when you consider the volume of entries for the IGCSE from the UK, where first language English students also undertake the course, so the bar was set high!

As always, our other languages also achieved some excellent results for year 9 with 65% achieving top grades. A special mention goes to Elissa Caputo, who achieved a 9 in both Italian and French, an excellent result for a student taking these exams designed for year 11 students.

We are proud of all our students and the work they have undertaken to achieve their individual results. We wish them all the very best in their future studies and IB courses.

## **IBDP Results 2019**

Mr Johnson, the Deputy Headteacher of the Senior School and IB coordinator will want to say more, but I am once again overjoyed at the continued improvement of the IBDP results in the school. Every year there has been an improvement and this year is no different, with an increase in the average point score to 32 and our core results achieved from the Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity and Service continuing to improve following another excellent year of focus.



Well done to teachers and staff for all their hard work in helping these results come to fruition and especially thanks for the support and direction provided by Mr Johnson throughout the IBDP for all involved.

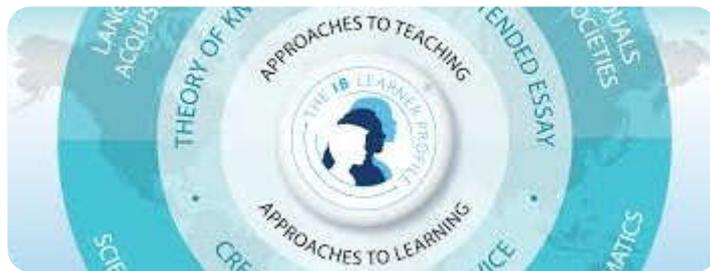
Mrs Carly Barber

Head of the Senior School



### **Message from Mr Johnson IBDP Coordinator**

As we start another academic year, the IB Diploma teachers and students have lots to look forward to. Following the trajectory of previous years, our IB Diploma results have once again improved across all subjects. International mindedness is embedded further into the curriculum than ever before and our CAS initiatives will continue to support the local community. Students are also looking further afield for future study and becoming more and more ambitious in the courses they choose to pursue.



With improved lab facilities and the expansion of the IB programme to offer IB Chemistry, our subjects will allow our

students not only to access Higher Education in areas of medicine, dentistry and engineering, but equip them with the skills needed to excel at the very best Universities in these disciplines.

Southlands is excited to embark upon what we are certain will be another successful year in the IB Diploma programme.

**Information regarding the Year 6 SATs results will appear in next week's newsletter.**

### **Music @ Southlands**

I hope you have all had a fabulous holiday! I had a quite a Musical holiday back in England. I provided a concert for senior citizens and played the pipe organ at two important church services. So what Musical events are lined up for you this academic year at Southlands? Firstly, I would like to promote Southlands Orchestra, which is scheduled from 1:30pm until 2:30pm every Wednesday. I would like to see existing members being joined by new members of the orchestra so bring your friends along to the Music Room. You do not have to read music! We will be using chords/letters too, so do not be put off. Orchestra and Recorder Club will be combined. Every Wednesday (3:45pm until 4:45pm), from 19th September until the 30th April, I will be directing the NACE Music Club for those who wish to perform in the NACE International Music Festival, details of which will follow. I would like to encourage all students to sign up for this in the usual way for extra curricular clubs. If you're in years 1-6, please consider joining Piano Club from October until the end of May on Tuesdays with Mr Manenti or Guitar Club with Mr Fiorella during the same months on a Friday (years 2-6). Both are from 3:45pm until 4:45pm.



I would like to encourage that students perform as classes come into and leave the assembly hall on Fridays. I can accompany you on the piano if that helps or you can play solo if you prefer. It is a great chance to practice before an audience and we will all support you.

It is all happening in Music! Stay Tuned!

Andrew Snape  
Head of Music

## ***Extra Activities @ Southlands starting this week***

If you would like to do a trial session on Monday or Tuesday, please contact the school office.

### ***Monday 9th September***

#### **Mixed Sports Club (Mr Hough)**

Come and play sports including baseball, basketball, football, tag-rugby, athletic events and more... non-competitive and just for fun!

### ***Tuesday 10th September***

#### **Football Club (Mr Hough)**

Learn skills, play and represent your school in the RISA League.

All welcome



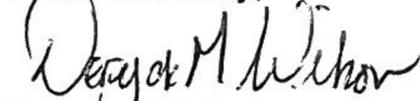
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### ***Dates for your Diary***

Please see school calendar attached

Do have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deryck M Wilson".

Deryck M Wilson  
Principal



# School Calendar

## Academic Year 2019-2020

<b>School Hours</b>	<b>School day</b>	<b>8:50 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.</b>
	<b>Office</b>	<b>7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Shop</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</b>

### AUTUMN TERM 2019

Welcome from Mr Wilson, Principal	Tuesday 3rd September (9:00 a.m.)
Meet the Teachers (Nursery - Year 2)	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September (9:30 a.m.)
Welcome from Mr Wilson, Principal	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September (9:00 a.m.)
Meet the Teachers (Year 3 - Year 13)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September (9:30 a.m.)
Nursery (1/2 day) - No transport - No lunch (Transport will start on Monday 11th September)	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> , and Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Reception - Year 13 Full day (Transport service operative)	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Parent/teacher conferences (holiday for children)	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October Primary & Years 8-13 parents/guardians
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>
School Re-opens	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
Term ends	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (Italian lessons will take place until 5.00 pm)
Parent/teacher conferences morning (holiday for children)	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December for Year 7 parents/guardians only
<b>Christmas break</b>	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>

### SPRING TERM 2020

Spring Term begins	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>
Parent/teacher conferences (holiday for children)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Primary & Years 7-13 parents/guardians
School Re-opens	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Term ends	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April (Italian lessons will take place until 5.00 pm)
<b>Easter break</b>	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>

### SUMMER TERM 2020

Summer Term begins	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
IBDP Examinations	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Public Holiday	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Holiday	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
<b>Barbecue Evening</b>	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June (6:30 p.m.) - (School closes 12:00 p.m)</b>
End of school year	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June at 3:25 p.m.
Summer school	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July